

Sustainability Index Dashboard (SID) Validation Meeting Notes

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Virtual via Zoom

Participants

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Notes

Presentations were made on the four domains of SID, namely:

- Domain A: Governance, Leadership and Accountability
- Domain B: National Health System and Service Delivery
- Domain C: Strategic financing and Market Opening
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The presentation can be found at the following link: https://mz.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/182/Validation-Presentation-2021_Consolidado_21Oct_Final.pdf

The recording of the meeting is available at the following link: <https://mz.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/182/Gravacao-da-Reuniao-de-Validacao-do-SID-2021.pdf>

Discussion

Domain A

○ **Main questions**

- On domain A, stakeholders did not agree with the score, specifically on the Civil Society engagement component. It was felt that the score contradicts the progress made in this component, which may have been induced by the incomprehension of the questions, due to unreliable translation from English to Portuguese, as well as by the weak representation of civil society in the working group that discussed the topic.

○ **Follow-up Actions**

- It was recommended that the Domain A working group meet again by Monday (October 25) and that this meeting ensure a broader representation of civil society. The outcome of this discussion will be sent electronically to the responsible parties for validation.

Domain B

○ **Main questions**

- For Domain B, the proposal was made that not only the Primary Care Agents (EPAs) have the prerogative to distribute ARTs, but also activists from Community Based Organizations, to ensure a wider coverage and that more people have access to ART.
- The Ministry of Health recognized the relevance of the placement, but said it is doing this process in phases. It is a gain to have the CBOs distributing ARVs, but it is

necessary to give time for an evaluation of the impact of this change, and if it is positive, to expand to other activists.

- **Follow-up Actions**

- The domain score was approved by the stakeholders. There were no recommended follow-up actions.

Domain C

- **Main questions**

- There were no issues in this domain

- **Follow-up Actions**

- The domain score was approved by the stakeholders. There were no recommended follow-up actions.

Domain D

- **Main questions**

- It was questioned whether the National Institute of Health (INS) had been part of the working group that discussed the elements of this domain. In response, it was said that yes, two INS technicians had been part of the working group, one of whom was present at the SID validation meeting.

- **Follow-up Actions**

- Regarding domain D, the stakeholders approved the score, but it was requested that it be referred to the Ministry of Health for confirmation. The proposal was to get a response the same day. It was also recommended that domain D be referred to the INS leadership for review by Monday (October 25, 2021).

It was noted, overall, that the increase in questions in the SID tool caused the score to decrease for some elements, so the comparison of this year's results with last year's should not be linear.